

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On column 1, lines 8-12, please amend the paragraph as follows:

--This application is a reissue application of U.S. Patent No. 5,999,977, issued December 7, 1999, which [This] is a continuation of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 08/468,715, now abandoned, filed Jun. 5, 1995, which is a continuation of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 08/396,198, filed Feb. 24, 1995, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,854,898 issued Dec. 29, 1998. Notice: More than one reissue application has been filed for the reissue of Patent No. 5,999,977. The reissue applications are Application Nos. 10/857,798 (now U.S. Patent No. RE40,704), 10/857,799, 10/857,805, 10/857,806, and 12/210,847.--